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CLEARINGHOUSE RULE 02-082

Comments

[NOTE: All citations to “Manual” in the comments below are to the Administrative Rules Procedures Manual, prepared by the Revisor of Statutes Bureau and the Legislative Council Staff, dated September 1998.]

2. Form, Style and Placement in Administrative Code

- a. The treatment clause of SECTION 1 of the rule should indicate that s. ElBd 6.05 (1) (c), (2) and (5) are being amended.
- b. In s. ElBd 6.05 (1) (intro.), the term “Definitions:” should be deleted.
- c. The title to s. ElBd 6.05 should be deleted. [See s. 1.05 (3) (b), Manual.]
- d. In s. ElBd 6.05 (2), the word “any” in the current rule should be stricken through and the term “Any” should follow it and be underscored. [See s. 1.06, Manual.]

4. Adequacy of References to Related Statutes, Rules and Forms

Section ElBd 6.05 (5) ends with the phrase “requirements set out in this rule.” A more specific cross-reference should be provided. For example, the phrase could be redrafted as follows: “requirements set out in this section.”

5. Clarity, Grammar, Punctuation and Use of Plain Language

a. Section ElBd 6.05 (1) (c) refers to a “delimited text file.” Although this phrase is a term of art and generally understood in the technology industry, it might be helpful to include a note to the rule providing a “plain language” understanding of what the term means. This would facilitate a better understanding on the part of campaign treasurers and other users of the rule who may not be as technology savvy.

b. In s. ElBd 6.05 (5), the rule should be modified to clarify that a registrant who must submit a trial report is a registrant who is required to file electronically under s. ElBd 6.05. Accordingly, the beginning of sub. (5) could be rewritten to read “~~If a~~ A registrant who must file electronically under this section” Additionally, the period at the end of sub. (5) should not be underscored as it currently exists in the present rule.